



## ASHBA NATIONAL SELECT SERIES FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The ASHBA National Select Series, presented by State Line Tack, was created to encourage more people to show American Saddlebreds, Half Saddlebreds, Hackney Ponies and Road Horses. The Select Series strengthens the show horse market by adding value to the competitive experience, while promoting a market for horses that are not currently competing at the World's Championship Horse Show (WCHS). The Select Series creates a valuable marketplace that is much needed in the horse industry. Horses will be able to compete in classes that qualify for National Select Series Regional Championships at shows all across the country and the National Select Series National Championship. These classes will be held under regular USEF American Saddlebred and Half Saddlebred rules and specifications.

### What is new for 2023?

**ASHBA is pleased to announce new program enhancements to the National Select Series including:**

- **Classes are now open to Half Saddlebreds that are registered with the ASHBA Registry**
- **American Saddlebreds and Half Saddlebreds can now compete in the same Select Series class**
- **New classes (See below)**
- **New National Championship (See below)**
- **New rules and class specifications**
- **Concurrent classes are no longer offered in 2023 (Stand-alone classes only)**
- **Grants available to shows to add stand-alone classes**
- **Ribbons provided for all qualifying, Regional and National classes**
- **Trophies provided for all Regional and National classes**
- **A horse that shows in any Select Series qualifying class within the timeframe (winning a ribbon in last year regionals and/or showing in any Select Series class this year) may choose to show in any Select Series National division at the All American Horse Classic in Indianapolis, Indiana.**

### ASHBA National Select Series General Rules and Requirements

ASHBA National Select Series classes will be held under regular USEF American Saddlebred and Half Saddlebred rules and specs. Horses will have to compete in one (1) stand-alone Select Series class at national and/or regional shows in order to qualify for ASHBA National Select Series Regional Championships and/or the National Championship. Owners, riders, drivers and handlers must be an ASHBA competing member to participate in qualifying, regional and national championship classes. All entries who compete in stand-alone Select Series classes will be eligible upon results being submitted to the ASHBA office. Horses competing at the World's Championship Horse Show (WCHS) in the same calendar year will be ineligible to compete in the National Select Series Program. Also, as a result of our programs purpose, Select Series classes do not count toward WCHS qualifying.

### How can a show participate in the National Select Series?

Shows can offer any of the 18 stand--alone qualifying classes for American Saddlebreds and Half Saddlebreds, Hackney Ponies, and Roadsters. Shows that are interested in hosting National Select Series qualifying classes must notify the ASHBA office at least 30 days before the competition in

order to get ribbons in time for the show. **Please Note: Horse Declaration Forms are no longer required.**

### **What classes are offered?**

Five-Gaited Amateur/Junior Exhibitor  
Three-Gaited Amateur/Junior Exhibitor  
Park Amateur/Junior Exhibitor

#### **\*Open Park**

Five-Gaited Show Pleasure Adult/Junior Exhibitor  
Three-Gaited Show Pleasure Adult/Junior Exhibitor  
Three-Gaited Country Pleasure Adult/Junior Exhibitor

#### **\*Open Fine Harness**

Show Pleasure Driving Adult/Junior Exhibitor  
Country Pleasure Driving Adult/Junior Exhibitor

#### **\*Open Pleasure Driving**

ASB Western Country Pleasure  
ASB Hunter Country Pleasure

#### **\*Open Walk/Trot Snaffle Bit (Open to any age horse, rider, professional or amateur)**

#### **\*Open In-Hand**

Hackney Pleasure Driving Adult/Junior Exhibitor  
Open Roadster Pony to Bike  
Open Road Horse to Bike

**\*Denotes new classes for 2023 and open to professionals and/or amateurs**

### **How much does it cost to participate in the ASHBA National Select Series?**

There are no additional costs or fees to participate in the ASHBA National Select Series other than the requirement that the owner of the horse or pony and the rider or driver of the horse or pony must be an ASHBA competing member. National Select Series exhibitors will be subject to general horse show fees (entry fees, office fees, stall fees, etc.) which will be different depending on the show.

### **How many qualifying classes do horses and ponies have to compete in to be eligible for a Regional Championship?**

For the Regional Championships, horses and ponies must compete in one qualifying class in that region. Since the Regional Championships occur on different dates, the qualifying for Regional Championships will run from the day after the Regional Championship (prior year) to the day before the Regional Championship (current year).

### **How many qualifying classes do horses and ponies have to compete in to be eligible for the National Championship?**

The National Select Series National Championship will be held at the All American Horse Classic in Indianapolis (September 12--16, 2023). To qualify for the National Championship, horses and ponies must compete in one qualifying class or be a ribbon winner in a 2022 Regional Championship class. Qualifying for the National Championship runs from September 1 (prior year) to August 31 (current year).

### **How do I know what ASHBA National Select Series Region my show is in?**

The country has been divided into 8 regions (see below) for the ASHBA National Select Series with Regional Championships held at selected shows in each region. Additional trophies and prizes will be secured for the Regional Championships.

#### **Region 1/2**

Arizona, California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, Idaho, Wyoming, Alberta British Columbia

**Region 3**

Iowa, Missouri, Colorado, Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota

**Region 4**

Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Mississippi

**Region 5/6**

Illinois, Wisconsin, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Ontario (London)

**Region 7**

Kentucky

**Region 8**

Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee

**Region 9/10**

North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia

**Region 11/12**

Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Maine, Rhode Island, Vermont, Maryland, Delaware, Ontario (Toronto)